

BRITISH WAR ART OFFERS SENSATION

100 Paintings and Drawings
by Sir William Orpen
Shown Here.

A MASTER DRAUGHTSMAN

Many Prominent Persons at
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The persons present include Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Mrs. Henry C. Erick, Mrs. James A. Burden, Mrs. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Marshall Field, Lady Butler, Mrs. Howard Cushing, Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mrs. Arthur Scott, Mrs. Henry G. Gray, Mrs. William P. Douglas, Mrs. George C. Tracy, Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. John R. Drexel, Mrs. William Payne Thompson, Mrs. Charles H. Marshall, Mrs. John Magee, Mrs. J. Gordon Douglas, Mrs. Robert Bacon, Mrs. Burke Roche, Mrs. Graffin Payne, Mrs. Francis C. Bishop, Mrs. C. Clive Bayley, Mrs. Newbold Le Roy Edgar, Mrs. Granville Kane, Mrs. James W. Gerard, Mrs. William Woodward, Mrs. George D. Widener, Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr.

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HOSPITAL AT PALM BEACH.

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PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Hermann Oslerichs is preparing plans for the erection of a hospital for which she was largely instrumental in getting funds for the project. Bids have been asked for, and it is expected work soon will be started.

Major Thomas T. Reese has appointed Samuel Untermyer of New York, F. C. Gildean of Cleveland, and Louis S. Clarke of Ardmore, Pa., a special committee to look into public improvements as a result of a measure of non-voting property owners held last week. The Mayor said he had been advised the town charter could be amended by the Legislature to allow non-residents to vote in local elections next winter without identifying their vote in local, State and national elections where they claim residence.

Mrs. Irving H. Chase of Waterbury, Conn., and her family; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Delafield of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Dilworth of Pittsfield, Mass., who came on specially from Washington, and much real enthusiasm from a large assembly of prominent persons.

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Exhibition of High Merit.

The result of the British Government's attitude has been an extraordinary development of British art. The present exhibition is not only the most important to be held here, but it is also, I think, the most important group of paintings produced by any nation during the war. It is a thing not to be missed by any who care for the real events of the art world, and in particular should not be missed by students. The British Government chose its artists wisely, and then gave them a blank blanche. All Government should do the same.

The sensation of the exhibition is the group of more than 100 drawings and paintings by Major Sir William Orpen, but the applause is not to be given to the British Government solely because it induced so distinguished an artist to undertake such dangerous experiences at the front, but equally because it sponsored such a revolutionary worker as C. R. W. Nevinson, a frank cubist, and "gave birth to him."

No other Government in the world dared to employ such an "advanced" painter on official work. Courage of all sorts therefore comes from the part of the British Government and heroic and physical upon the part of the artists who worked under shell fire—was necessary to produce this variegated and imaginative art exhibition.

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ALABAMA.

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Montgomery, Feb. 7.—Plans are being made for a golf tournament here next month.

Dr. Winslow Taylor of Germantown has arrived for the season. He brought several new cases.

A party from Providence arrived here to-day. It includes Mrs. F. D. Simons, Mrs. A. C. Blanding and Allen Blanding, Jr.

Mrs. French Vanderbilt in New York.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Mrs. French Vanderbilt has returned to Harbour for the remainder of the season. Miss Mary Lavin of New York is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nason.

NEW U. S. MUSIC PLAYED.

New York Orchestral Society Has Concert.

English Author to Join in Lowell Anniversary Celebration.

John Galsworthy, English author and playwright, has sailed for New York on the steamer *Carnival*, according to a cable message received yesterday by Nicholas Murray, president of Columbia University.

The manuscript compositions in the programme last night were selected as produced for the first time. They were a suite called "In Georgia," by Mortimer Wilson; a "Carnival March" of the "Gnomes," by William Schroeder, and an overture entitled "To Our Heroes," by Brahms. The other work played was Brahms' "Tragic" overture and Tchaikovsky's fifth symphony.

The "In Memoriam" with the "Star Spangled Banner" used suggestively in the central section, is a dingle-dangle composition in form. It was impressively played by the orchestra and with the audience packed the auditorium.

DOUBLE OPERA BILL GIVEN.

L'Orfeo and "Pagliacci" Sung at Metropolitan.

"L'Orfeo" and "Pagliacci" were sung yesterday at the Metropolitan Opera House. Mr. Varus, with Miss Music and Mr. Montesano, was the principal in the Leontine opera.

In Leon's work the chief singers were Mme. Easton, Miss Braslaw and Mr. Scott, Mr. Althouse and Mr. Didur. Mr. Montesano conducted both operas. The audience packed the auditorium.

CHURCH SINGER IS A BRIDE.

Brooklyn Girl Wedded Secretly in Jersey to William Price.

Miss Ruth Somers, a church singer in Brooklyn, and William Price, of 225 Clemont avenue, Brooklyn, went "secret" where in New Jersey, and were married January 29, their friends learned yesterday. They are in the South and expect to remain there until their secret.

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Entertainer for Hero of Zeebrugge.

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Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Norrie Stellar, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bishop, Mrs. C. Clive Bayley, Mrs. Newbold Le Roy Edgar, Mrs. Granville Kane, Mrs. James W. Gerard, Mrs. William Woodward, Mrs. George D. Widener, Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr.

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Tenor's "Edgardo" Praise-
worthy and Other Singers
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At the Lexington Theatre last evening Mme. Galli-Curci made her second appearance of the season, singing the soprano part in Donizetti's familiar opera "Lucia di Lammermoor." Giacomo Rini mini appeared as Enrico Ashton, and Alessandro Delci made his New York debut as Edgardo. The occasion seemed to be one of general public rejoicing. The auditorium was packed to the doors and the applause had power and endurance.

"Lucia" is not an opera which invites learned comment on its best numbers, but here the world's best-known persons possessed of hearing who do not enjoy the sextet and thrush mad scene. The name part is one of Mme. Galli-Curci's most satisfying achievements, and she was much nearer to her best form last night than on Tuesday.

She was more often faithful to the pitch, sang with purity of tone for longer periods and her coloratura had more elasticity. When Mme. Galli-Curci sang the flute haunted mad scene it is a pity that her art is uneven, but it was generally at its best last night. She sang the mad scene quite as brilliantly as she did last season and aroused the audience to great enthusiasm.

CHARLES H. ASQUITH, President of the New York City Chamber of Commerce, and his wife, Mrs. Charles H. Asqu